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3 August 1956

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Operational/PARSIMONY/HIMAY
Operation VENUS

Ref: HMMW-1067, 1 July 1955

1. In referenced dispatch, Headquarters indicated an interest in learning from this station what "Peter"'s usual procedure is for transmitting reports to General Andras ZAKO. [] asked [] B [] but the letter was unable to learn the answer from the case officer. [] then asked [] on 26 July 1955 to put the question to () No answer was forthcoming by the time that [] departed Belgium on 29 September 1955. [] brought up the subject with () and on 11 October 1955 received from him a written reply which, translated, was as follows:

"Peter had asked us to forward his mail because it contained information of a type which could have 'burned' him if (the information) were discovered."

"He does not have unlimited confidence in the intermediaries whom he normally uses."

"We hope to obtain from him copies of the information which he sends to the general."

2. On 20 January 1956 [] reminds () of our interest in receiving copies of "Peter"'s reports to ZAKO. As nothing was forthcoming, [] again brought up the subject on 11 April 1956. On 12 April he received from () a written note which, translated, was as follows:

"Peter never sends written reports to his chief. The time that he asked you to send it was an exception. ("C'est exceptionnellement qu'il l'a fait, lorsqu'il vous a demandé de le transmettre.")

"His only correspondence is for the purpose of arranging meetings in an agreed-upon terminology."

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"In the future, we shall send you a copy of the film which he turns over to his (case officer) ("traitant")."

3. Since the time of () last note, [] has been receiving and sending to Headquarters copies of the prints made from either the original film or a copy of that which "Peter" turns over to his AVH case officer. However, we have seen no additional reports as such from "Peter" to ZAKO.
4. The handling of Operation VENUS by the [B] case officer leaves much to be desired. However, neither () nor [] has shown any inclination really to try to get more out of the case. () feels sorry for the case officer because of the latter's apparently unhappy life, maintaining that to deprive him of the case would be to leave him bereft of "all he has left in life". It is difficult [] to fight a sentiment as lovely as that.

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